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23 Dec. 1924

General and Revenue

Secretariat.

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SUBJECT. Concession to the newspaper "Guardian".

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

G. M. 118-24-1

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LATER REFERENCES.

G.O.M. 118-24, Nos. 16—25

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

A draft ~~D.O.~~ dtd.
the lines of the instructions
conveyed thro the Pte Secy
re the Guardian is put
up

Dewan

13.4.25.

Weg/Stroe

WD

13.4

Subdt-
C.B.

Issue Confidentials

13.4.25

The Edit The Guardian
Bangalore city

No 2395/C.B. dt 14.4.25

States that unless improvement
is shown in the quality of the
paper, the govt will be constrained
to consider the advisability of
withdrawing the concessions granted
to the paper.

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form

WD 3048—GPB—1,000—16-7-1[illegible]

CS 1781

REPLY.

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated 11th May *19*25

Please put up the Guardian File together with any reply received to the communication from the - Secretariat.

M
10.5

Chief Secretary to Government
with compliments.

No Reply has been Received from the Editor of the "Guardian" ~~the letter~~ dealt with the file on the Subject

Mm 12/5/25 If concessions granted, also if concessions is for consideration whether a letter as in the draft before may Dewan) now be sent.

M
12.5.25.

Yr. M.E. ce
& call them to
give some answer
Whether policy as well
as ch of the bags
Facts the Munic
faults he's not
refused. Howrach
have helped Sept

Thank you my dear Mr
Nanja call upon him
to explain his silence also
Order allowing him
allowance in the bake

[illegible] — P.T.O.

APP. F. III—2]

General and Revenue Secretariat.

File No. 1784 Dn 3

of 19

Serial No.	
	Letter received from the Editor of the Guardian with reference to our letter ~~to him~~ sent last month, and the Conversation I had with him a few days ago, under the instructions of the Dewan, is herewith put up for perusal.
	Dewan) Mr 29.5.25. Please see the letter which I have received from the Editor of the Guardian.
	C.B 31-5 Cordata. Inform S.M.Br. by a separate note for withholding further payment ~~without~~ pending instructions. Mr 2.6.25
	1st & 2nd members Mr 3.6.25
	Sean 3/6 Dewan D.S.N. Subba. 5/6/25 DSN. Mr 5.6.25
	Dewan) Mr 7.6.25

Asst Secy (P&M) Br. Mr 2/6/25

NOTE—Contn. Sheet

Submitted to His Highness.

With a view to have an up-to-date high class daily newspaper in the State, Government sanctioned the following concessions to the Editor of the Guardian for a period of one year:-

(i) Government to take 100 copies of the paper at an annual subscription of Rs. 22/- per copy.

(ii) As regards advertisements, one column per day to be reserved by Government at a cost of Rs. 1,000/- per annum.

2. The newspaper was started in January 1925 and half of the subscription of 100 copies oraered for Government has been paid to the Editor. The remaining half of the subscription and the advertisment charges of Rs. 1000/- have been ordered to be paid in July and August 1925.

3. In the meanwhile, I have noticed that the newspaper has not come up to the standard of the expectation of Government. A large majority of the articles are reproduced from other newspapers, while the leading articles are not of much value in educating public opinion on Mysore politics or administration. As at present conducted, the quality of the paper also does not seem to justify the encouragement that has been given by Government. The paper also has reproduced unfair criticism of Government from other journals, e.g., the appointment of Dr. Seal as Extra Member Vice-Chancellor.

4. These points were intimated to the Editor in Apri l 1925 and he was informed that the Government would be constrained to consider the advisability of withdrawing the concessions, unless efforts were made and distinct improvement was shown. The Editor not having sent any reply to the above communication, the Chief Secretary sent for him under my instructions and asked him not only to furnish the reply due, but also to give his explanation in respect of the attacks contained in the paper against the

Vice-Chancellor and Member of Government. He was also asked to give some assurance regarding the policy of the paper as well as its improvement in character. The Editor has now sent his explanation which is not satisfactory. He says that certain negotiations are in progress and if they materialise, he will bring out a first class paper in a short while. It is also stated that the paper at present is working at a great loss and it has not met with the necessary encouragement from the public as was anticipated. His remarks as regards the character of the paper and about the attacks against Government referred to above are also not satisfactory. The reply is evasive.

Pages of Office Note

5. I have therefore directed that the amount still due to him need not be paid just now. The matter will be further considered. The papers are submitted to His Highness for gracious information.

Camp Mysore,
10th June 1925.

11 JUN 1925

C.G.R.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Quality of the paper called the "Guardian " and action taken by Government in this matter.

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Order.

KRW

12/6/25

Chief Sec.

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Serial No.

Submitted for orders, if any, with reference to the second sentence (The matter will be further considered) in para 5 of the Dewan's Submission X note dated 11th June 25.

16/6/25.

~~The~~ This may be taken up for consideration again a month or so later.

Dewan

28/6/25.

Para 5 of the note

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30.7.25

REPLY

(*To be written on this margin.*)

Memo No. 12

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

C/5100,

NOTE.

Dated....10th July.....192[5]

I should like to know if the management of the "Guardian" has changed hands. An enquiry may be made in the matter and the file regarding concessions to that paper put up.

10 JUI 1925

To:-

The Chief Secretary to Govt

with compliments

C.B.
Perhaps the previous papers with draft asking for information promised in the Editors
EWU. last letter. 14.7.25

The previous papers relating to Concessions granted to the paper "Guardian" & Rajasthan & withdrawing them are put up.

The Editor's last letter refd. to was Subs to the Dewan thro' the Publicity Officer on 3.7.25

A draft calling for the information reqd. by the Dewan is subs. for orders.

(about payment of advertisement charges due to them from Govt).

11/13/7/25

Issue advance 13-7-25

P.T.O

Letter No. 163/C.B. 209-24-3 & 13.7.25 to the Managing Editor, "Guardian" enquiring whether the paper has changed hands.

From

The Editor, "Guardian"

No. — & 14.7.25.

States that a meeting has been arranged to transfer the Concern to a Syndicate

Chief Secy's order :-

"To Put up also

subs. with the Connected papers.

The reply of the Editor is subd. for perusal -

Secy

15.7.25

Sub. B 30.7.25

To be noted on 12/8/25

no reply has been received till now.

draft reminder is subd. for approval.

13/8

15/8/25

Reminder No. 413 issued on 17.8.25. Sec

From the "Editor, "Guardian" letter & 24.8.25 (Rec'd in C.B. on 25.8.25)

I States that the resolution to transfer the business of the company to the purchasers will be considered in the statutory meeting of the Company on the 29th instant and that it is expected to start the work under the new Scheme by 15th Sept. 25.

Submitted with references.

Secy

31/8/25

5.10.25

Secy

eneral and Revenue
Secretariat. C.B File No. 472 of 19

Serial No.	Remarks and Orders
	Received 8.10.25.

The U-S will please prepare a memo note on the usual basis.

Q
8/10

A note is put up

9/10
14/10

(A. Secy)

P.T.O

Serial No

Government ordered in December last the purchase of 100 copies of the "Guardian" paper and the reservation of advertisement space in it for a sum of Rs.1,000 for a period of one year by way of encouragement to the starting of a high class daily. The idea in subscribing for 100 copies was that this would give the paper an assured income of Rs.250 a month or Rs.3,000 a year. The concessions sanctioned were considered not excessive; but it was thought inadvisable to offer any larger concessions as none of the promoters of the paper were persons who had taken any important part in the public life of the State. No special undertaking was given to the Government by the promoters as the policy of the paper beyond the statement in their last letter that the paper would not be managed or edited irresponsibly and that the idea was to work for the prosperity of the State by helpful criticism, honest publicity, and by focussing and guiding public opinion in the State.

The paper began to issue in January 1925. In April last it was pointed out to the Editor that the paper as conducted did not deserve the encouragement given by Government and he was informed that unless efforts were made and distinct improvement shown the Government would consider the advisibility of withdrawing the concessions. The Editor wrote stating that certain negotiations were in progress which if they materialised would enable him to bring out a first class paper in a short while. This was in

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Serial No

in May 1925. The Editor has since written twice on the subject of these negotiations. In his last letter dated the 24th August, he stated that the work under the new scheme was expected to be started from the 15th of September. We have not heard whether the change expected took place about 15th September or has taken place since.

A perusal of the paper shows that there is not very much improvement in the quality of the leaders or other articles. The news-section is stale. And there is nothing in the contents that is particularly edifying or instructive. But the paper started in January and is now nine months old. As the concessions have been granted for one year, the will in the usual course cease in three months to come. Even if the concessions are terminated forth with the paper would lose them only three months earlier and the saving to Government would be only about Rs.800.

As there is ~~nothing very objectionable~~ no falling off in the standard which warrants in the later issues of the paper it is for consideration whether this correspondence with the Editor regardi the management and the quality of the paper may be continued or dropped at this stage and the paper allowed to go on as now, the concessions terminating at the end of the three months more in the usual course.

Chief Secretary) 15/10.

Submitted with reference to

Serial No

the Dewans note of the 5th Sept. I have not much hope of the Concern succeeding in entrusting persons with capital so as to improve the Estate. Further communication with the Estate will lead to the repetition of the promise now given that such support is being solicited

The working arrangement may be as per 3 months more & terminated unless felt necessary that the conditions of the Lease are able to raise the standard

Dear Sir

1916-5

Thanks for
kind wishes
I shall read
your note and
be satisfied with
the assurances
the performance
of the promises
the Concerns
will be undertaken
of the Estate
year

10/10

Please find out a draft

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Draft sent

10/10/25

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General and Revenue Secretariat

C.B. File No. 209 of 1924.

Serial No 6

The Managing Edn "The Guardian" Bangalore -

No 1075 & 21.10.25

States that the concessions will be withdrawn at the end of the year

Gen

From M/s

Letter dt 29/10/25

Acknowledges receipt of the above and requests that one enclosed bill for Rs 1,110 being the subscription for 100 copies of the "Guardian" for 6 months from 5th Jan 1925 to 4th January 1926 may be sanctioned & payment made early

It is added that the bill for advertisement charges will be submitted after the contract period is over

Subd.

MW 6/11/25

Please put up a/c for sanction & the payment of the bill

MW 12/11.

(Sanction for the delay in submitting bill)

B 12/11/25

(M. P. Gen meeting)

MW

Expl one

notice has been

The necessary

allowed on

Reminder

to be issued

MW

As he has supplied the paper practically for 6 months now and given him advance subscription for only 2 months should we not

3 12/11/25

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General and Revenue Secretariat

File No. 209 of 1924

Serial No	
	Draft submitted for consideration
	Offr 14.11.25 Mr — Sec — 14/11/25
8	To The Managing Editor the 'Guardian', Bangalore D.O no 1195 & 14.11.25 — States that the bill cannot be sanctioned unless the explanation already called for is furnished. That an order has been received from the 1st Munsiff's Court Bangalore attaching the amount as any due to the Paper from Govt.

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

N o t e.

Dated 12th December 1925.

With reference to Mr. J. Bhima Rao's letter under the heading "GARDEN PARTIES" published in the 'Guardian' of the 11th Dec 1925, a communique should issue today pointing out that the statements therein made are absolutely without foundation. In the first place, Sir M. Visvesvaraya never entertained merchants and traders at Garden Parties debiting the cost to any grant from the Economic Conference as alleged; nor were any such Parties given by his successor, Sir M. Kantaraj Urs. No allotment was ever made in the Economic Conference budget for such entertainments.

The Dewan's entertainments are entirely his own private affair and it has not been customary for the Dewans to entertain his friends and those that call on him and his wife at State expense. No sumptuary allowance is paid to him for such a purpose as is the case with other high Officers holding such a position under the British Government.

(Intld). A.R.B.
12-12

The Publicity Officer to Govt., with compliments.

Copy to Chief Secretary to put up Guardian file and draft orders as directed.

Actions being separately taken about the Communique. Copy of the Dewan's memo sent for action on the other matters referred to in the memo

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General and Revenue Secretariat

File No. of 192

Serial No.

Go. No. G 1267-302 & 157 M.I.C

To,

The Controller to Govt,
The Secretaries to Govt
Other Heads of Depts & Dy Comrs of Dists.
Managing Editors Guardian.
Publicity Officer to Govt.

ordering that it is not desirable to continue to offer any encouragement to the Editor, and requiring all Heads of depts etc to stop advertisements continuing, any further to this paper

with D.S.N

17.1.

17/1/45

Submitted to His Highness.

Pages 4 & 5 of Office Notes

In my Submission Note dated the 11th June 1925, I reported to His Highness that the Editor of the "Guardian" had been informed that in view of the unsatisfactory character of the paper Government would be constrained to consider the advisability of withdrawing the concessions unless distinct improvement was shewn. The Editor was also sent for by the Chief Secretary under my instructions and asked to explain certain attacks made by him against the Extra Member and warned about the general character of the paper Though his explanation was not satisfactory, in view of the assurance given by him that arrangements were being made to interest an influential syndicate in the paper, he was given another opportunity. Recently he published, styling it as a Notification, imaginary appointments and transfers and when asked to explain he made it appear as if a trick had been played - against him On the whole, the journal is not at all conducted with that sense of responsibility and decorum which may be expected of a paper that is helped by Government. The hopes of enlisting an influential syndicate do not seem to have materialised at all and there is no likelihood of the paper showing any improvement. An attachment order has also been served against the Chief Secretary by a Civil Court not to pay any amounts due to the Editor from Government. The period for which the concessions were given expires very shortly. In view of the facts stated above, it does not seem to me desirable for Government to offer any further encouragement to the Journal. The Editor has also been informed that the concessions will not be extended. I have now directed the issue of an order that it is unnecessary for any of the Departments to continue to subscribe to the paper and that advertisements may be stopped.

I submit the papers for the gracious perusal of His Highness.

EWU.hr. Bangalore,
17th December 1925.

H.H. No. 433
17.12.1925.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Papers relating to the stoppage of the concessions granted to the Editor of "Guardian".

Order.

~~KRI~~
19/12/25

Chief Secy
2 DEC 1925
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D.O. 2395 CB. 209-24-1 Dt. 14/4/25

Confidential.

To

The Editor,
'The Guardian',
Bangalore City.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to the Govt. Order of 27th December 1924 sanctioning certain concessions to the Guardian' as an encouragement to the starting of a high class English daily newspaper in the State. Govt. regret to observe that the paper has not come up to the standard of their expentations A large majority of the articles are reproduced from other newspapers while the leading articles are not of much value for educating public opinion on Mysore politics or administration. I am also to observe that as at present conducted the quality of the paper does not seem to justify the encouragement that has been given by Govt., and unless efforts are made and distinct improvement is shewn, the Government will be constrained to consider the advisability of withdrawing the concessions granted to the paper.

Yours faithfully,

13.4.25

Chief Secretary to Govt.

The Guardian Publishing Company. Limited.

MANAGING AGENTS,
BANGALORE-PRESS-CORPORATION.

107, OPPOSITE MINTO HOSPITAL,
BANGALORE.

28TH MAY 1925

CONFIDENTIAL.

CB 209-4-2

28-5-25

DEAR SIR,

I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO WRITE TO YOU, HITHERTO, BY WAY OF EXPLANATION TO THE LETTER THAT YOU WROTE TO ME AND THE SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION I HAD WITH YOU. IN REGARD TO THE QUESTION YOU RAISE ABOUT IMPROVING THE PAPER I WISH TO STATE THAT, AT PRESENT, CERTAIN NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS AND, IF THEY MATERIALISE, WE SHALL BE BRINGING OUT A FIRST-CLASS PAPER IN A SHORT WHILE. I WISH TO BRING TO YOUR NOTICE THE FACT THAT WE ARE, AT PRESENT, WORKING AT A GREAT LOSS AND ARE FIGHTING AGAINST GREAT ODDS. WE HAVE NOT MET WITH THE SAME KIND OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE PUBLIC AS WE HAD ANTICIPATED IF, APART FROM THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT WHICH WE CAN EFFECT IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE, I NEED NOT SAY THAT WE SHALL CONSIDER THEM WITH DUE RESPECT.

AS REGARDS THE OTHER POINT THAT YOU RAISE ABOUT CERTAIN OF THE WRITINGS IN THE PAPER, I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE WE CANNOT YIELD THE RIGHT OF INDEPENDENT CRITICISM OF PUBLIC POLICIES WE SHALL ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO MAKE AMENDS IF ANY MISTAKES OR EXTRAVAGANCES ON OUR PART ARE POINTED OUT TO US AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, WE KEEP OUT ALL ARTICLES OF AN

AN ABUSING NATURE OR WHICH INDULGE IN PERSONAL RECRIMINATIONS. WE REGRET THAT SOME ARTICLES OF AN OBJECTIONABLE NATURE HAVE GOT IN, PARTLY DUE TO INADVERTENCE ON THE PART OF SUB-EDI- - TORS; BUT THIS WE ARE RECTIFYING, I REGRET TO SAY, GRADUAL- LY BECAUSE ALL OUR HANDS ARE NEW AND THEREFORE THEY COMMIT - BLUNDERS; AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE ALWAYS FOR ONE MAN TO HAN- DLE EVERY LITTLE BIT OF MATTER OR ARTICLE THAT COMES IN.

I WISH TO STATE THAT WE SHALL BE ALWAYS AT YOUR DIS- POSAL IF YOU THINK FIT TO MAKE CLEAR ANY POINTS REGARDING -- GOVERNMENT POLICY BUT IT MAY NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT THE PAPER HAS ULTIMATELY TO DEPEND UPON PUBLIC SUPPORT, HOWEVER MUCH HELP WE MIGHT BE RECEIVING FROM THE GOVERNMENT, DURING THE INITIAL STAGES IT WILL, THEREFORE, BE A GRADUAL -- STRANGLING OF OURSELVES IF WE DO NOT ASSERT AT LEAST MILDLY, OUR INDEPENDENCE. AND, THEREFORE, WE ARE BOUND TO CONSIDER THE HELP THAT THE GOVERNMENT ARE AFFORDING US, BOTH ACCORD ING TO WHAT THEY HAVE THEMSELVES EXPLICITLY SAID AND ACCORD- ING TO WHAT OUR PURPOSE HAS BEEN IN ACCEPTING THE AID, MERE- LY AS AN INCENTIVE TO GOOD JOURNALISM IN THE STATE AND NOT AS A SUBSIDY FOR A CONTROL OVER THE POLICY OF THE PAPER.

WISH TO CONCLUDE, WITH RENEWED THANKS, FOR THE GOVERNMENT HELP AND WITH ASSURANCES THAT WE SHALL ALWAYS BE

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MANAGING AGENTS,
BANGALORE PRESS CORPORATION.

107, OPPOSITE MINTO HOSPITAL,
BANGALORE.

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BE PREPARED TO ACCOMODATE THE GOVERNMENT IN ANY REASONABLE WAY WE CAN.

YOURS TRULY,

M. M. Thomas

MANAGING EDITOR.

To

B. RAMASWAMAIYA, ESQ., B.A.,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF MYSORE, BANGALORE.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to——————

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 13/7/25

Signed by Ws. B. Ramaswamy

Section CB

File No. 209/24

Serial No. 3

No. 163/CB

To

The Managing Editor,

The Guardian

Dear Sir

In your letter of the 28th May in connection with the impression stated, that certain negotiations were in progress which if materialized would enable the bringing out of a first class paper in a short while. I have not heard from you since. I now request you to let me know whether the "Guardian" has changed hands. An immediate reply is requested.

Yours truly

13.7.25

I am directed to request you to kindly furnish for the information of Govt., if it is a fact that the Managing of the Guardian" has changed hands, and if so, Govt. would be glad to know the name of the person to whom the management of the paper was transferred. When

over.

was done so.

A very early reply is requested

Yours faithfully

Ch. Secy. to Govt

13/7/15

List of enclosures.

Copied by

Examined by

THE "GUARDIAN." CB 209-14-4

RAV

Sri Krishna Buildings, Avenue Road.
Bangalore City.

Dated, 14TH JULY 1925.

DEAR SIR

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER DATED THE 13TH JULY TO STATE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT WHICH I WROTE TO YOU ARE NOT YET COMPLETED AM EXPECTING THAT MATTER WILL BE PUT THROUGH BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. A SYNDICATE IS PREPARED TO TAKE OVER THE CONCERN ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, BUT, AS THE TRANSFER REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF ALL THE SHAREHOLDERS, A MEETING IS ARRANGED FOR and THE MATTER TO BE PUT TO THEM FOR APPROVAL. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SCHEME WILL COME INTO EFFECT SOON AFTER THIS IS DONE.

C.B. Pabrapabance 14.7.25

YOURS TRULY,
Illegible
MANAGING EDITOR.

TO

B. RAMASWAMAIYA, ESQ. B.A.,
IEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF MYSORE, BANGALORE.

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ಬಿ 17/8/25

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to the correspondence ending with your letter dated 14th July 1925 asking that in connection with improving your paper certain negotiations were in progress and that the matter would be put through by the end of July 1925 and to request to be informed at what stage the matter stands at present An immediate reply with full particulars is requested

Yours sincerely

15/8/25

To
The Managing Editor
"The Spectator"
Bangalore

13/8

The Guardian Publishing Company, Limited.

XX MANAGING AGENTS X
XBANGALORE PRESS CORPORATION XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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BANGALORE. CITY.

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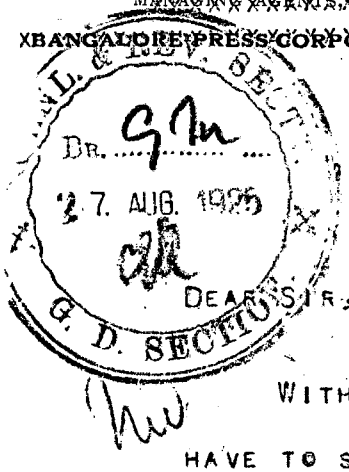

21TH AUGUST 1925.

~~G. Dr. 905~~

CB. 472

4.8.25.

CB 209-4-5

DEAR SIR,

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER DATED 17TH AUGUST 1925, I HAVE TO STATE THAT THE STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COMPANY IS ARRANGED TO BE HELD ON THE 29TH INST., AND IN THAT MEETING THE RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY TO THE -- PURCHASERS WILL BE PUT. A COPY OF THE STATUTORY Report IS ENCLOSED HEREWITH AND YOUR KIND ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO ITEM (3) IN THE NOTICE. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT THE MEETING WILL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. AND AFTER THAT FIRST MEETING ANOTHER MEETING TO CONFIRM THE EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FIRST MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE HELD AFTER 10 DAYS. THE SCHEME for IMPROVING THE NEWSPAPER WILL COME INTO EFFECT SOON AFTER THE SECOND MEETING. ON THE WHOLE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO START WORK UNDER THE NEW SCHEME BY THE 15TH

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AVENUE ROAD,
X 107, OPPOSITE MINTO HOSPITAL X
BANGALORE. CITY

MANAGING AGENTS,
BANGALORE PRESS CORPORATION.

24TH AUGUST 1925.

15TH SEPTEMBER 1925. I REGRET THE DELAY IN PUTTING THE MATTER THROUGH AS IT WAS DUE TO THE DELAY IN AUDITING.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

EDITOR.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
BANGALORE.

The
Guardian Publishing Company, Limited.

STATUTORY REPORT.

(The Mysore Companies Regulation 1917)

Authorised Capital Rs. 50,000.
Divided into 5000 Shares of Rs. 10/- each.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

Pursuant to Section 77 of the Mysore Companies Regulation 1917.

The total number of shares allotted, is 713 shares of the aggregate nominal value of Rs. 7130 and called up to the extent Rupees Ten per share.

The total amount of cash recieved by the Company in respect of 713 shares allotted to the public is Rs. 6515.

The Receipts and Payments of the Company on Capital account and otherwise to 15th August 1925 are as shown in the statement annexed hereto.

The Preliminary Expenses are estimated at Rs. 1500/-

The names, addresses and [illegible] of the Directors and Auditor of the Company are as under.

DIRECTORS

1. Dr. T. S Nanjappa M B. C. M. Appajappa's agrahar, Bangalore City.
2. M. H. Riza Esq., Land Lord, "Blassington" High Ground, Bangalore.
3. D. S. Govinda Row Esq. Land Lord, 5th Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City.
4. Dr. G. B. Venkatesalu, Medical Practitioner, Commercial Street, Bangalore.
5. C. R. Nagaraja Row, Esq, Bussiness Bureau, Mysore.
6. K. V. Thomas Esq, Representative of Reuters and Associated Press of India, Komala Vilas, 5th Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore City. (Managin Director).

AUDITOR

T. M. S Subramaniam Esq, Certified Auditor, Ulsoor, Bangalore.

Registerd Office of the Company.

No. 5, Krishna Buildings, Avenue Road, Bangalore City.

The Company was Registred on the 29th day of April 1924 and the certificate or the Registar of Joint Stock Companies, Mysore, that the Company was entitled to commence business was granted on 14th January 1925.

The
Guardian Publishing Co., Ltd.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Statutory meeting of the Guardian Publishing Company, Limited, will be held at No. 5, Krishna Buildings, Avenue Road, Bangalore City on Saturday the 29th day of August 1925 at 3 P. M.

Dated this 18th day of August 1925.

By order,

K. V. THOMAS,

Managing Director.

Sri Krishna Press, Avenue Road, Bangalore City.

The Guardian Publish

Statement of Receipts and Pa

RECEIPTS	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Capital						
On 713 Shares allotted at Rs. 10 per share....	7,130	0	0			
Less Unpaid	585	0	0			
				6,545	0	0
To Other Receipts.-						
Subscriptions	2,154	15	9			
Advertisements	1,100	13	9			
Sale of Papers	39	10	0			
Transfer Fees	5	0	0			
Sundry Finances	1,319	10	9			
Miscellaneous...	5	2	0			
				4,625	4	3
TOTAL Rs.....				11,170	4	3

Bangalore 18th August 1925. I hereby certify that so much of this Report as relates to the shares allotted by the Company and to Cash received in respect of such shares and to the Receipts and Payments of the Company on Capital account is correct.

T. M. S. SUBRAMANIAM,
Auditor.

ng Company Limited.

yments as at 15th August 1925.

PAYMENTS	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
By Preliminary Expenses for Registration, Prospectus, etc., ...	....	274 12 0
Furniture Hire	70 8 0	
Rent	270 0 0	
Associated Press Telegrams and Correspondents remuneration	2,958 4 0	
Postage and Stamps	567 14 7	
Travelling and Miscellaneous Expenses	184 1 1	
Directors' fees	45 12 0	
Printing Charges	2,392 0 0	
Managing Agents' and Editors' allowances....	1,538 0 0	
Canvassing Agents' Commission	299 2 0	
Paper and Stationery	1,052 10 0	
Office and Printing Establishment	1,417 4 7	
Lease of Press	100 0 0	
		10,895 8 3
TOTAL Rs ...		11,170 4 3

We Certify this Report.

(i) T. S. Nanjappa (Chairman).
(ii) D S. Govinda Rao. } DIRECTORS.

Mr. K. V. THOMAS,
Managing Director.

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Dy 21/10/25

Confidential.

To

The Managing Editor,
The "Guardian".

Dear Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter dated 20th August 1925 stating that the scheme for improving the newspaper 'Guardian' is under consideration and that you will be able to start the work under the new scheme by the 15th September 1925, I am directed to state that the Government are not satisfied with the assurances and the performances of the promotors of the paper, and the concessions will accordingly be withdrawn at the end of the year.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

20/10/25

MRN.

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The Guardian

THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE DAILY OF SOUTH INDIA.

EDITOR:
K. V. THOMAS.

BANGALORE CITY

29TH OCT. 1925

CB 209-4-7

DEAR SIR,

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER DATED 21-10-25 ANNOUNCING THAT AS THE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCES OF THE GUARDIAN AND CONSEQUENTLY THE HELP GIVEN TO THE PAPER BY THEM IN THE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE WITHDRAWN -- FROM NEXT YEAR I HAVE TO STATE THAT IF SUCH IS THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNMENT THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO BE SAID ON THE MATTER

IN VIEW OF THIS FACT AND ALSO

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because
PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION IS ALWAYS MADE IN ADVANCE - AS WAS DONE ON THE LAST -- OCCASSION BY THE GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES - I ENCLOSE HEREWITH A BILL FOR THE 100 COPIES SUBSCRIBED FOR BY THE GOVERNMENT AND HAVE TO REQUEST YOU TO BE GOOD ENOUGH TO PAY THE SAME WITHOUT DELAY THE BILL FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE SENT AS USUAL AT THE END OF THE CONTRACTED PERIOD.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

K.V. Thomas

MANAGING EDITOR.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE, BANGALORE

No.....

Ledger Folio.....

NO: 124

Mr. The ~~Comptroller~~ Chief Secretary to the

Govt: of Mysore, Bangalore Dr.

The Guardian Publishing Co., Ltd.,

Sri Krishna Buildings, Avenue Road,

Bangalore City, 1.11.25 192

Subscription for 6 months from 15.7.1925 to 14.1.1926 for 100 copies a month ——	1110 - -
Rupees One Thousand One hundred & Ten Only	1110 -

K.V. Thomas

Manager.

No 1195/C.B.209-14-8. Dt 14/11/25

Dear Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter dt 29th Oct 25 submitting a bill for Rs 1,100/- being the subscription for six months from 15th July 25 to 14th Jan 26 for 100 copies of the 'Guardian' newspaper subscribed for by the Govt, I am desired to request that the explanation for not having received the paper properly, as already noticed in this office D.O. letter no 2395/C.B. 209-14-18 dt 14.4.25, may be kindly furnished early.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary

K.U. Thomas Esq,
Managing Editor
'The Guardian'

without which the bill cannot be sanctioned. An order has been received for the Municipal Court Bangalore attaching the amount if any of the Pay

14/11/25

Dept Dt 14.11.25

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

G. O. No. G. 4247-302/G. M. 118-24-15 Bangalore, Dated, 15th December 1925

"Guardian"

Passes orders regarding the discontinuance of the concessions shown to the----

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With a view to have an up-to-date high class daily newspaper in the State, Government sanctioned in their order No. G.4653-4731/G.M.118-24-1 dated 27th December 1924, the grant of the following concessions to the Editor of the Guardian for a period of one year, viz.,

(1) Government were to take 100 copies of the paper at an annual subscription of Rs.22 per copy.

(2) As regards advertisements, one column per day was to be reserved for Government at a cost of Rs.1,000 per annum.

2. The paper was started in January 1925. Though it has now been in existence for nearly eleven months, it falls far short of the standard to be expected from a paper receiving such substantial help from Government and its general tone and conduct are also such as not to justify the encouragement given by Government

The paper has reproduced unfair criticisms of Government from other journals. It has allowed unjustifiable insinuations and innuendoes being made against Government and its officers by encouraging or reproducing correspondence and unfair attacks against Government. The leading articles are not of much value in educating public opinion on Mysore politics or administration.

These facts were communicated to the Editor as early as April 1925 and he was called upon to improve the quality of the paper and was also warned that Government would be constrained to consider the advisibility of withdrawing the concessions unless efforts were made to remedy these defects and distinct improvement was shewn.

3. As he failed to reply to communications sent by Government he was asked to see the Chief Secretary and explain certain articles in the paper and also give an assurance regarding the policy of the paper as well as its improvement in character. Though the explanation of the Editor was not satisfactory, in view, however, of the fact that he gave an assurance that certain negotiations were in progress which after they materialised would enable him to bring out a first class paper, he was given further time in June 1925 to reconstruct and improve the paper..

4. In the issue of the 'Guardian' dated the 14th October 1925 imaginary transfers and retirements of certain high

officers of the State were published under the head 'Official Notification'. The Editor, no doubt, subsequently published an apology for it, in the issue of the 27th idem, but has not furnished any satisfactory explanation for having published in a most misleading form such false news without proper verification.

5. When pressed to report the progress made in reconstructing the paper he first represented on the 14th July 1925 that a meeting had been arranged to transfer the concern to a syndicate and again on the 24th August 1925 that the resolution to transfer the business of the Company to the purchasers will be considered in the statutory meeting of the company on the 29th August 1925 and that it was expected to start the work under the new scheme by the 15th September 1925.

6. Apparently so far no arraugements have been made to interest any responsible syndicate to undertake the management of the paper, nor have any earnest efforts been made to improve its quality. The Editor was therefore informed on 21st October 1925 that the concessions would not be continued after the end of the year. He then submitted a bill on account of the subscriptions and advertisement charges up to the end of the year, but this has been withheld pending the receipt of further information and explanation.

7. Government consider that as the objects with which the concessions were given have altogether failed and there is no prospect of the paper shewing any improvement and further as the Editor has shewn gross negligence in respect of the news and information and criticisms relating to the official matters, which he has allowed to appear without due diligence and verification, there is no need to continue the concessions any further. Government Departments that are now receiving the paper are requested to make necessary arrangements to stop subscribing for the paper at once. Similarly all future Government advertisements in the paper will be stopped.

The question of settlement of account with the promoter of this paper will be separately disposed of.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller to Government.
The Secretaries to Government.
The Other Heads of Departments.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Managing Editor, "Guardian".
The Publicity Officer to Government